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In re Application of
Margaret Ann Bernal et al.
Application No. 10/676,800
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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition for corrected filing receipt, filed March 8, 2004, which is treated under 37 CFR 1.10 (c), to correct the filing date to September 30, 2003, rather than the presently accorded filing date of September 26, 2003.

Petitioner alleges that the application was deposited in Express Mail service on September 30, 2003. In support, on March 8, 2004, petitioner supplied a copy of Express Mail Label No. EV326952885US (the same Express Mail number found on the transmittal sheet accompanying the original application papers located in the official file). The "date-in" on the Express Mail Label is September 30, 2003.

In view of the above, the petition is granted and since no fee is due, none will be charged to petitioner's deposit account.

The application is being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for correction of the **filing date to September 30, 2003** and for issuance of a corrected filing receipt.

Telephone inquiries related to this matter should be directed to the undersigned Petitions Attorney at (571) 272-3212.

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